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## EARLY CLOSING BY-LAW PASSED BY TOWN COUNCIL

Voting on Public Library, May 28th. No Water at Present for Moneta. Other Council Business.

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday afternoon with the Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis presiding, and all the Councilors present.—Messrs. J. E. Sullivan, E. L. Longmore, E. S. Noble, L. S. Newton, T. F. King, and J. E. Morin. A largely signed petition from the business men of the town asking for the Wednesday half-holiday by-law to be passed was before the Council. Every store in town affected by the by-law, with one exception, signed the petition. All the barber shops in town also signed. As a consequence the Council gave the required by-law its necessary three readings and it is now law. According to this by-law all stores must close at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays during May, June, July, August and September, with some exceptions. For instance drug stores, refreshment parlors and amusement places are not required to close. There is also provision under another by-law for change of the closing hour on days before general holidays.

The by-law regarding the establishment of a public library in Timmins was given its first reading. Now a vote will be taken of the ratepayers on the question. The voting will take place on May 28th in the Public School building, and Mr. C. S. Carter will be returning officer. If the vote is favourable the by-law will receive its further readings and be finally passed and the establishment of a public library in town will then be assured. Mr. Reid of the North American Incinerator Co. asked for the changing of the Incinerator Bonds from scrip to bearer bonds. He agreed to bear any cost of the change and the Council were willing to have the change made for his accommodation.

Mr. D. Ostrosser, president of the Board of Trade, presented a petition from some of the merchants and property owners of town asking that the license fee or tax for transient traders should be \$200.00 instead of \$75.00 as at present. He had twelve or fourteen names on the petition but said that all the business men would sign when they had opportunity. In the short time available only a few could be approached. Mr. Ostrosser urged the passing of the increasing fee on those coming into town to start business, to protect those already here and paying taxes. He referred to men and firms coming in here for a few weeks or months to slaughter often inferior goods and then leave the town as well as the merchants being the loser. A seventy-five dollar license fee was no deterrent to this unfair business. The Board of Trade was in favour of a much increased license fee, and so were the merchants and property owners. The license did not apply to small business, like barber shops, shoe repair stands, etc., nor to produce sold from railway cars. Mr. Ostrosser did not think the increased fee would be any detriment to men who intended to stay in business, but would be a protection to the business men who stayed here through poor as well as good times and paid the taxes that kept the town going.

The Mayor thought the idea had much to commend it, if a classification could be made, so as not to keep out the smaller business that was legitimate.

Mr. Ostrosser replied that under the by-law the business man got his license fee back after he was a year in business, it being used to meet his taxes.

Councillor Longmore referred to the fact that there had been several cases of refunds of the license fee after a firm had been in business a year or more, thus showing that the taxes on these businesses did not reach the present \$75.00.

It was pointed out that the traders' license fee was not required from anyone who owned property in the town.

On motion of Messrs. Noble and Newton the question was left over until the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor Noble said that the Tax Collector had suggested to him that he should receive increased remuneration for the collection of water rates this work having materially increased. When the Tax Collector was asked for particulars of his side of the case, Mr. Macpherson explained that the water rates had increased from about \$14,000 to \$20,000 a year in the past couple of years, without any increase of his pay, and the work would

## PORCUPINE PAYMASTER MINE NOW OPERATING

This Tisdale Property First One of the Old Mines to Re-Open This Year.

Every day now gives new signs of the increased activity that is going on throughout the Porcupine Camp. This increased activity is not confined merely to the increased milling capacity and enlarged payrolls of the bigger operating mines here, but it includes the re-opening of old properties and the exploration of new prospects. Among the old properties to be re-opened is the Paymaster Mine which is now included in the list of operating mines of the Camp.

During the past two months the Paymaster has been busy in securing a large quantity of fuel for power, and in addition during the same period has been conducting diamond drilling operations some distance east of their main shaft. All of this work, however, has been merely preliminary to the pumping out of the underground works and the re-opening of the entire plant and the resumption of mining operations.

A full crew of men has now been engaged and the entire plant is steamed up and the property is rapidly being dewatered, and in a few days actual mining operations will be under way.

This property, formerly known as the Standard Mine, is being operated now under the name of the Porcupine Paymaster Mines, Limited, under its Ontario Charter. All the stock in this company is held by the Premier Paymaster Mines Company of Boston Mass. This company has never offered any stock for sale and it is understood that ample financial arrangements have been made to complete all the necessary development, including the erection of a complete milling plant.

The property is located only a short distance south and west of the Dome Mines, and it is understood that at the 200-foot level a cross-cut has been driven through a large ore body showing a width of over 50 feet and being similar in character to one of the large ore bodies at the Dome Mines to the northeast.

The management of the Paymaster Mine contemplate a thorough development and exploration of their ore body at the 200-foot level, and also the sinking of the main shaft to the 500-foot level to open up the ore at depth and generally get the mine in shape for a mill at the earliest possible moment. The property is well equipped with a fine set of buildings and a complete steam-driven plant, compressor, etc. It is the intention, however, to put in electrical equipment within the next six months. This will be an easier undertaking on account of the fact that the Power Line to the Dome passes right over the property. A large part of the credit for the re-opening of the property is undoubtedly due to the energy and interest of Mr. A. S. Fuller, the well-known local mining man, who is president and general manager of the company.

Mining operations at the Paymaster are in direct charge of Mr. B. M. Walton, of South Porcupine, a Member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

## CLASSES FOR PROSPECTORS START HERE SATURDAY

Evening Lectures on Geology, in the Miners' Union Hall.

The Classes for Prospectors, under the auspices of the Department of Mines, but the local expenses paid for by the Town of Timmins, open at 4 p.m. on Saturday of this week, April 30th, in the O.B.U. Hall. These classes will continue until Wednesday, May 11th. Lectures on the Elements of Geology, illustrated by lantern slides, will begin on Friday evening, May 2nd, at 8 p.m., in the Miners' Union Hall, continuing every evening until May 10th. Both the classes and lectures are free and open to all. Dr. W. L. Goodwin, of the Ontario Department of Mines, is in charge of the Classes. Similar classes have been held by Dr. Goodwin at various points in the North Land and all have been eminently successful.

The Schumacher man charged with shooting off the toe of a fellow-fighter one pleasant Sunday afternoon will come before Magistrate Atkinson this week for preliminary trial.

## GOLDALE MINING CO. STARTED WORK THIS WEEK

Surface Work to be Followed by Diamond Drilling and Extensive Development if Satisfactory Results Obtained.

Work opened this week on the Goldale Mining Co. property on the east of Pearl Lake. A gang of men are busy at present fixing up the old bungalow and getting the plant in readiness. Surface work will be done first, then diamond drilling, and then extensive development work if results continue satisfactory. The property is excellently located and previous work suggested great promise. There is a general opinion among mining men in the Camp that the Goldale is perhaps as promising a property as there is in the Porcupine.

The Goldale Mining Co. is the corporation taking over the Bewick-Mooring interests in this district. The Goldale Co. has perhaps the most extensive holdings of any Porcupine concern, having 52 claims all told in the Porcupine. Mr. J. Y. Murdoch, of Toronto, is the president of the Goldale, the company being controlled by leading financial men of Canada and the United States; the financial stability of the company thus being guaranteed as well as assurance taken by the public that development will be carried on with good judgment and business skill. Mr. Poirer, the noted consulting engineer of New York, is the consulting engineer for the Goldale and he is again in the Camp in the interests of the corporation. Although holding so many promising mining properties in the district it is the present intention of the Goldale to centre on the claims on the east side of Pearl Lake and develop the property into a mine. Mr. Graves, mining engineer, will have charge of operations at the Goldale's present work. He was formerly a successful mining engineer in Peru as well as having previous valuable experience in the West Africa gold mines. With location, formation, management, finances, everything favourable, the Goldale evidently is one of the most promising of the new mining ventures of the North Land.

## FURTHER INFORMATION RE T. & N.O. FINE TABLE

Changes Effective May 1st. for the Spring and Summer.

Further particulars are to hand regarding the new T. & N. O. time table to go into effect on May 1st. The new service is to be for the spring and summer and early fall, and it will assuredly provide a very desirable and excellent train service for the people of the North Land.

By the new time table the people of Cochrane and Timmins will be able to leave the north in the morning and arrive in Ottawa and Montreal the next morning, via the C.P.R.

They will also be able to leave Cochrane, Timmins, and all point south at noon each day, and arrive in Ottawa and Montreal the next morning, via the C.N.R.

The new "Timmins Special" (formerly known as No. 47) will be a direct train between Timmins and Toronto. This train will run through to Timmins. It will carry Winnipeg sleepers which will be transferred to Montreal train at North Bay. The Montreal train will run direct to Cochrane.

There will be a local passenger train leaving Timmins around 9 o'clock in the morning, running through to Cochrane, returning leaving Cochrane 4:00 p.m., connecting at Porquis Junction with C.N.R. Montreal train.

There will also be a mixed train between Bourkes and Porquis Junction, connecting with the Timmins-Cochrane local.

This new train service promises to fill the general needs of the North Land in first-class fashion, and seems to be a vindication of the faith so many here have had in the ability and desire of the new Chairman of the T. & N. O. Commission, Mr. Geo. W. Lee, to serve the people here with the best kind of a train service.

A new name is suggested for the Province of Ontario after the dry-dust, dust-to-dust and ashes-to-ashes legislation goes into force. The new name as used by The Sudbury Star is "The Province of Sahara." The Star also suggests as a slogan for tourists, "See Ontario Thirst."

## T. & N.O. IMPROVEMENTS AT PORQUIS JUNCTION

Restaurant, Central Telephone and Other Improvements by Aug. 1st.

The Advance understands that the T. & N. O. is arranging to make a number of important changes and improvements at Porquis Junction. For years there has been much complaint, and certainly much cause for complaint, in regard to the accommodations for the public at this important junction point. The T. & N. O., however, are now planning to right all this. Indeed, the public of the North Land are beginning to hope and expect that Chairman Geo. W. Lee will get around to every trouble and difficulty, and eventually will remedy all that may be amiss, with the result that the T. & N. O. will in the end become in truth and fact "The People's Railroad" in the most pleasing sense of the words.

The improvements now understood to be planned for Porquis Junction will certainly be hailed with pleasure by the travelling public. In the first place it is intended to enlarge the station and re-arrange the accommodation there. There will be a central telephone office, ladies' waiting room, gentlemen's waiting room, and an up-to-date restaurant. The restaurant will undoubtedly be a great benefit to the travelling public, and there is also reason for believing that it will be a paying proposition for the T. & N. O. The necessary changes are to be made in the heating, ventilating and lighting arrangements to make the renewed and enlarged station at the Junction, comfortable, pleasant, healthy and modern in every respect.

So far as the Advance can gather work at Porquis Junction station improvements and additions will be commenced at an early date and it is confidently expected that the new accommodations, including the restaurant, will be all ready by August 1st. of this year.

## RIVER NOW AT HIGHEST SINCE THE RECORD OF 1913

At the present time the Mattagami River is higher than at any other spring season since people began to notice the river, with the one exception of the year 1913. Even the 1913 record height is being crowded, the present height of water being within eight inches of 1913's standard. At the river here methods have been used right along to mark the varying heights of the water. It is the intention to improve upon these methods and have a regular gauge that will indicate the height of the water. This gauge will be marked out likely on the ironwork of the bridge on the part that now acts as an ice-break.

## FINDS THE PORCUPINE GRAVEL VERY INTERESTING

"I find the Porcupine gravel very interesting indeed and I believe it is worthy of some special investigation," said Mr. John A. Macpherson, who has spent many years in placer gold mining in the far west. Mr. Macpherson is a British Columbia citizen who came to this Camp last September to study conditions and prospects here and the general methods followed here in the gold industry. Mr. Macpherson has been in the gold mining business a long time, but chiefly working in placer fields. Consequently most of what he saw here was new and odd to him, and the one thing that specially interested him was the gravel that he noticed at times. When excavation was going on last fall for the sewerage and water-trains extension he had his eye on the gravel disclosed in some places at depth. Mr. Macpherson believes that practically all of it carries values, but whether of commercial importance or not he did not care to say. In the same way his interest was aroused by the diamond drilling on the sand plains. This diamond drilling showed a strata of gravel beneath the sand overburden, with a second layer of sand or silt and then further gravel strata. Mr. Macpherson believes that all the gravel hereabouts is very likely to contain gold worth panning. The wealth of gold ore and the fact that the Camp is equipped and experienced in this type of mining will likely mean that Mr. Macpherson's theories will not likely be seriously tested. Until the searching of the ore bodies is carried along to a larger beginning, it is likely that the gravel depositors will be left undisturbed.

May 5th is Mother's Day. Father's Day is the 29th of February every seventh year from last summer.

## ALL BASEBALL FANS MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

Meeting to Organize for the Season's Baseball. All Attend.

A meeting is called for to-morrow (Thursday) evening in the Council Chamber at 8 p.m. to organize for the season's baseball in Timmins. All lovers of sport in general and baseball in particular should attend, and a first-class organization should be gotten together. As Mr. C. G. Williams has suggested there should be an organization to control all baseball in town, the local league teams, etc., coming under the central organization which would thus be a responsible body that would be viewed favourably by the public. By this plan much misunderstanding and duplication of expenses, as well as difficulties over players, etc., would be avoided. Along this line also it has been suggested that for the local league teams all available players should be pooled and the several teams decided upon should draw from the players with the view only of having well-balanced teams that would give the town the best kind of sport, rather than the matter being left for friendships or anything else to interfere so that one or more of the teams may be so weak as to spoil the contests. Ideas like these may be discussed at the meeting to-morrow night, and it is up to every lover of baseball to attend the organization meeting and help organize for the best season yet in baseball.

## SAD DEATH OF YOUNG MARRIED WOMAN SATURDAY

The very sincere sympathy of all will go out to the family in the sad death on Saturday of Mrs. C. Audry, who before her marriage was Miss Marie Leblanc, daughter of Mr. Eli Leblanc. At the time of her death Mrs. Audry was only 19 years of age. Death was due to pneumonia and complications. To the bereaved young husband and to the family the sympathy of all will be extended in this sad and sudden loss. The funeral took place Tuesday morning, requiem high mass being sung in the R. C. Church and interment being made in Timmins R. C. cemetery.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR MUSICAL PROGRAMME

A musical programme of special excellence is to be given in the Presbyterian Church, Timmins, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (to-night and to-morrow night), under the auspices of the Presbyterian Choir. The programme each evening will commence at 8:30 p.m. sharp. The programme to be given is as follows: Hymn, "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet," by the choir and audience. Chorus, "Song of the Illyrian Peasants," by the Choir. Soprano solo, "Fiddle and I," by Mrs. M. B. Scott. Chorus, (a) A Southern Lullaby, (b) "Old Folks at Home," Junior Choir.

Soprano solo, "Plantation Lullaby," "Ma Curly-headed Baby," by Miss Craig Hoggarth. Duet, "The Elfin Vale," Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Todd. Contralto, "Sink, Red Sun," Mrs. J. K. Moore.

Chorus, "The Miller's Wooing," by the Choir.

Soprano, (a) The Nightingale's Song, (b) The Chrysanthemum, by Mrs. R. W. Robbins.

Piano, (a) Souvenir, (b) Balance by Mrs. J. W. Faithful.

Soprano, (a) "Sing, Smile, Slumber," (b) "My Laddie."

Duet, "Banjo Song" by Mrs. J. D. Parks and Miss Hoggarth. Chorus, "The Lake," by the Choir. Good Night, "While You Sleep," by the Choir.

Accompanists,—piano, Mrs. J. W. Faithful; violin, Mr. H. F. Schroeder. The programme, as will be noted, is a high-class one, yet one that will make general popular appeal. Those taking part are musical artists of outstanding merit and the evening will undoubtedly be a pleasing one for all lovers of good music. The chorus work will be of a high standard the event being thoroughly prepared for during the past few weeks and there being much special talent available in the Choir. No lover of music will wish to miss the event in the Presbyterian church to-night and to-morrow night.

The Goldfields Hotel is fencing the strip of ground alongside the hotel on Fourth Avenue and will have a small but agreeable green lawn there this summer.

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED FOR SEASON

W. A. Field the New President, J. W. Faithful, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Timmins Amateur Athletic Association held its annual meeting in the Council Chamber on Thursday evening last, with the President for the last year, Fire Chief Borland, in the chair. The Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. B. E. Martin, read the financial statement and report for the past year. There was a balance of over eight hundred dollars on hand to be used for the improvement of the grounds and other necessary purposes. The Committee also reported that the athletic grounds had been granted to the Football Club for May 24th and to the Firemen for July 1st. for sport days. Mr. C. G. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary for his careful and interested work during the year past and this was heartily carried without a dissenting vote.

For the office of President of the T.A.A.A. for this year, the names of Messrs. W. A. Field, C. G. Williams and Chief Borland were proposed. The latter two declined the honour and Mr. W. A. Field was elected by acclamation for the position. In securing a Secretary-Treasurer much difficulty was encountered. Mr. Martin, the retiring secretary, explained that his work this year would not permit of him giving the time necessary to the work as secretary treasurer. Others proposed declined the position for similar reasons. Eventually Mr. J. W. Faithful was prevailed upon to take the work. Accordingly, as in previous years, the T.A.A.A. will have capable and hard-working officers who will give much time and attention to the work.

Mr. F. C. H. Simms, president of the Timmins Tennis Club recently organized, asked for affiliation with the T.A.A.A. The Girls' Athletic Club had a similar request. Following the constitution these applications will be dealt with at another meeting in the Council Chamber on Friday evening of this week.

Referring to the suggestion that at some later date the athletic field might be changed to another location, Dr. McInnis recommended that the T.A.A.A. work to have the present grounds retained as the site for a town park. He urged the need and desirability of a town park and referred to the advantages of the present ball grounds for such a purpose.

The Mayor also mentioned the desirability of having all sports under a central body such as the T.A.A.A., so as to do away with the duplication of financial appeals and leave the people satisfied as to the disposition of moneys collected by the various sports. Mr. Williams pointed out that this was the original idea of the T.A.A.A., but that the various sports and the people had to be educated up to this standard. To make a central governing body for all sports a success there would need to be a strong local loyalty.

The Mayor thought that for the satisfaction of the public, at the least financial statements should be required each year from all clubs in the T.A.A.A. This suggestion will receive further consideration.

Mr. C. G. Williams suggested that this year baseball be thoroughly organized in town. He proposed a central town baseball commission to control all baseball in the town. If a strong Timmins Baseball Association were organized it would be possible to have good sport in this line without unnecessary friction. His suggestions found very hearty support in the meeting.

The various clubs,—Football, Baseball and Lacrosse,—were duly represented at this annual meeting of the T.A.A.A., and there was a general disposition to go ahead with sports in town and make this year the best yet.

It was decided to secure a lease of the grounds at a nominal rental at the earliest possible date; so that the T.A.A.A. would have full legal status in controlling the sport field for sport purposes.

## MEETING OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FRIDAY

A meeting of the Timmins Amateur Athletic Association has been called for Friday evening, April 29th, at 7:30 p.m. sharp, to be held in the Council Chamber.

The voting committees of all affiliated clubs are specially requested to be present to take up the question of the affiliation of the Tennis Club and the Girls' Athletic Club.